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LETTER DATED 18 MARCH 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of the note verbale dated 12 November 1991, file No. 90-51/5901L, from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran at Washington addressed to the Embassy of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria concerning violations of principles of international law by the United States Naval Forces stationed in the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Note verbale dated 21 November 1990 from the Interests Section
of the Islamic Republic of Iran at Washington addressed to the
Embassy of Algeria at Washington

The Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran at Washington presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria and has the honour to quote the attached message in two copies, the original text and an unofficial translation, received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. It is respectfully requested that the original text of the messages be transmitted to the United States Department of State and our office be informed of their response.

Enclosure

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, United States warships positioned in the Sea of Oman and the Persian Gulf have created a nuisance for Iranian sea patrolling aircraft and American aircraft have intercepted routine sea patrolling missions of Iranian aircraft on the following dates and locations.

A. Warnings by United States warships

1. On 11 August 1990, at 0927 hours, a United States warship warned the pilot of an Iranian sea patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2517 and E5732, not to get closer to the warship.
2. On 11 August 1990, at 0940 hours, a United States warship warned the pilot of an Iranian sea patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2457 and E5825, not to get closer to the warship.
3. On 12 August 1990, at 1348 hours, three United States warships at the position of N2545 and E5642 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2614 and E5650, not to get closer to the warships.
4. On 12 August 1990, at 1435 hours, three United States warships at the position of N2405 and E5747 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2431 and E5747, not to get closer to the warships.
5. On 13 August 1990, at 0910 hours, six United States warships at the position of N2448 and E5755 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2653 and E5723, not to get closer to the warships.
6. On 17 August 1990, at 0947 hours, six United States warships at the position of N2444 and E5826 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2506 and E5804, not to get closer to the warships.
7. On 18 August 1990, at 0958 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2555 and E5825 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2455 and E5730, not to get closer to the warship and to change its course.
8. On 20 August 1990, at 0942 hours, a United States warship at the position of N2410 and E5824 warned the pilot of an Iranian sea patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2445 and E5750, not to get closer to the warship.

B. Interceptions by United States aircraft

1. On 8 August 1990, at 1000 hours, two United States aircraft (an F-14 and an F-18) intercepted an Iranian sea patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2403 and E5917, for a period of 40 minutes.

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2. On 13 August 1990, at 0950 hours, a United States P3F aircraft intercepted an Iranian sea patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2354 and E5913, for a period of five minutes.
3. On 22 August 1990, at 0955 hours, two United States F-14 aircraft intercepted an Iranian sea patrolling aircraft, whose position was N2552 and E5640, for a period of 10 minutes.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran protests such illegal actions by the United States Government and demands an explanation of these unlawful interventions.
